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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PREVIOUSLY

The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) High Command has sent A.N. Giao (sic) to replace Tru Vuong as commander of the 52 Regiment, 320 Division. Truong was seriously wounded in January 1952.1

An airplane has landed at an airfield at Thanh Thuy (104-51, 22-51) on two occasions since February 1952.2

The 21 Transport Regiment, 3 351 Division, is now being used for carrying mines to DRV combat units along Route 5. A convoy which assembled at Bac Kan recently, carried 1,000 mines to Thai Nguyen via Route 3. The mines were made in workshops in the vicinity of Bac Kan.

Comment. Bombing by the French appears to have greatly 1. damaged the .52 Regiment.

Comment. This is the first indication of a possible airfield at Thanh Thuy.

This is probably the 216 Transport Regiment as reported in

These mines appear to be a non-detectable type. Comment.

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